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In re Patent Application of:
Axelson et al.

Application No.: 09/974,524

Group Art Unit: 3732

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Examiner: D. A. Bonderer

For: METHODS AND TOOLS FOR FEMORAL
RESECTION IN KNEE SURGERY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-16, 31-47, and 49, drawn to apparatus for arthroplasty, classified in class 606, subclass 88.

II. Claims 17-30, drawn to a method of resecting a bone, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-16, 31-47, and 49, and cancel claims 17-30 and 48 corresponding to the non-elected invention of Group II. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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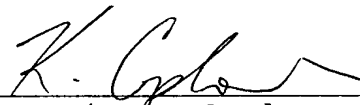
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Additionally, Applicants submit the following amendment corresponding to the elected claims. It is respectfully submitted that prosecution on the merits with respect to claims 1-16, 31-47, and 49-50 should now be permitted to proceed.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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